

Interstate Maintenance Discretionary, Recipient: Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

FY10 funds are for right-of-way, utilities, and construction for I-49 N, from I-220 in Shreveport to the Arkansas line. The I-49 North project forms the southern segment of Congressionally designated High Priority Corridor I running from Shreveport, LA to Kansas City, MO. As defined by ISTEA and TEA-21 "this corridor is intended to complement the existing Interstate system, integrate regions of the country, improve safety and efficiency of travel and commerce, and promote economic development." I-49 North represents Louisiana's part in completing this critical corridor connecting Canada and Mid-America to the deep water ports in New Orleans.

I-69 (Texas state line to Arkansas via Shreveport, LA), Account: Federal Highway Administration/Interstate Maintenance Discretionary, Recipient: Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

FY10 funds are for design and environmental work for sections SIU14B, SIU15, and SIU16A from the Arkansas state line to the Texas state line via Shreveport, LA. The I-69 corridor accounts for over 63 percent of the nation's truck borne trade with Canada and Mexico and has the nation's busiest border crossings on both the Canadian and Mexican borders. Seventeen of the nation's top 25 seaports, 13 inland waterway ports and 15 of the nation's top 25 air cargo airports are directly served by I-69. The corridor traverses over 150 counties and hundreds of municipalities, directly serving over 25 million people. Completion will increase transportation efficiency by reducing fuel consumption, travel time and costs, while facilitating trade, providing intermodal connectivity, relieving congestion and promoting economic development.

Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, this request: (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress, (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark, and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I also hereby certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the House passed version of H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. GRESHAM BARRETT

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Provision: Federal Highway Administration, Transportation & Community & System Preservation Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Anderson County, SC

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 South Main Street, Anderson, SC 29622

Description of Request: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide \$400,000 for the Parker Bowie Road Bridge in Anderson County, SC. Built in 1962, the Parker Bowie Road Bridge's current sufficiency rating is only 28.9 out of a possible 100, and a recent SC DOT Inspection Report rated the bridge as basically intolerable, requiring a high priority of replacement. Requested funding would be used to replace and widen the bridge to 34 feet curb-to-curb allowing for two lanes with safety shoulders. It would also raise the height of the bridge and its approaches in order to minimize current waterway obstructions from flooding. These changes would allow emergency service vehicles and school bus traffic, which cannot currently use the bridge, to access it.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. GRESHAM BARRETT

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Provision: Federal Highway Administration, Transportation & Community & System Preservation Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Greenwood County, SC

Address of Requesting Entity: 600 Monument St., Laurens, SC 29646

Description of Request: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide \$400,000 for the Widening of SC Highway 225 in Greenwood, SC. At present, SC Highway 225 is a four-lane highway except for a 4.36 mile stretch at the southern end. In this stretch, approximately 1.4 miles from where the four lanes narrow to two, SC Highway 225 intersects with Alexander Road. Due to the addition of a new development, including a public school, healthcare entities, and industry, this intersection has become a major safety concern. During peak traffic times, SC Highway 225 and Alexander Road become very congested, and may be backed up for 1.5 miles.

STATUTORY PAY-AS-YOU-GO ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of our Nation's fiscal future and for the passage of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2009, H.R. 2920.

During my time in Congress, I have always strived to be a good steward of taxpayer money. In fact during a previous session of Congress, the Concord Coalition, a non-partisan fiscal watchdog group, presented me with its Fiscal Responsibility Award for my votes to maintain fiscal discipline, reject irresponsible tax cuts, and eliminate corporate welfare.

In 2007, I was pleased that the House of Representatives restored the "pay-as-you-go" principle in the House rules when Democrats regained control of the House in the 110th Congress. This simple rule ensures that every new dollar of spending is offset and will not worsen the deficit. The House's pay-go rule requires that legislation affecting direct spend-

ing or revenues must not increase the deficit (or reduce the surplus) over a six-year or eleven-year period. I strongly supported these efforts. While a PAYGO rule is a good first step, H.R. 2920 goes further by applying automatically to legislation and provides an automatic enforcement mechanism to ensure Congress follows fiscal discipline.

Fiscal discipline served us well in the past. In the 1990's with pay-as-you-go as the law, we turned the massive deficits of the 1980's into a record surplus under President Clinton. When President Bush came into office in 2001, he inherited a projected ten-year, \$5.6 trillion budget surplus. Over the first six years of the Bush administration, however, the President and Republican-controlled Congress turned that surplus into a projected ten-year, \$2 trillion deficit and allowed the statutory PAYGO requirement to lapse in 2002. This was followed by 6 years of unrestrained spending under President Bush and the federal debt held by the public doubled.

The most instructive gauge of the federal deficit is the federal debt as a percentage of our total economy or Gross Domestic Product (GDP). According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), the budget surpluses and fiscal discipline of the 1990's reduced the debt from 49.4 percent of GDP to 33 percent of GDP by 2001. During President Bush's two terms, that figure rose back to 41 percent of GDP.

PAYGO is only one tool, but it is a strong one to return our Nation back to fiscal stability. The PAYGO rule forces Congress to identify inefficient or ineffective programs whose funding can be cut to fund higher priorities, such as health care, education, and clean energy. This rule also sends a message to the American people that the government is committed to putting the country back on stable economic footing. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Standards on Congressional appropriations initiatives, I am submitting the following information regarding projects that were included at my request in H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Bill:

BAYCARE HEALTH SYSTEM HARDENING OF FACILITIES

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Care-Related Facilities and Activities

Legal name and address of requesting entity: BayCare Health System, 16331 Bay Vista Drive, Clearwater, FL 33760

Description of request: \$1,000,000 is included in the bill for BayCare Health System to harden the acute care/in-patient care facilities by focusing on roofs, windows and e-power generation for climate control. Such infrastructure investments are critical in order to protect patients, staff and the hospital itself during and immediately after hurricanes. No previous federal funding was requested for this project.

CANCER LIFELINK PROGRAM AT THE MOFFITT CANCER CENTER

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Care-Related Facilities and Activities

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Moffitt Cancer Center, 12902 Magnolia Drive, Tampa, FL 33612

Description of request: \$700,000 is included in the bill for the Moffitt Cancer Center for its Cancer LifeLink Program, which is an online patient portal technology solution that will provide cancer patients with access to personalized information on the most appropriate medical care available for their specific needs and circumstances, which will maximize clinical outcomes, empower individuals to take control of their care and enhance the health of the entire community through continuous monitoring and support of cancer survivors. The project involves a partnership with providers across the State of Florida and regionally. No previous federal funding has been provided for this project.

FLORIDA BLOOD SERVICES DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Care-Related Facilities and Activities

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Florida Blood Services, 10100 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33716

Description of request: \$200,000 is included in the bill for Florida Blood Services to procure the required equipment to be able to maintain its full compliment of blood collection and distribution services during a natural disaster. This would allow for the real-time, uninterrupted management of more than 800,000 donors and provide for the processing of blood for patients at the Tampa Bay areas's major Category I Advanced Trauma Centers. No previous federal funding has been provided for this project.

FLORIDA CANCER CLINICAL TRIAL PATIENT/PHYSICIAN INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PROJECT

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Care-Related Facilities and Activities

Legal name and address of requesting entity: University of South Florida, College of Education, 4202 East Fowler Avenue, Tampa, FL 33620

Description of request: \$500,000 is included in the bill for the University of South Florida for its Florida Cancer Clinical Trial Patient/Physician Information and Education Project. This program has developed continuing education and databases for the public on clinical trials for cancer treatments focusing on the nature of clinical trials and how patients might benefit, what trials are being conducted in Florida, the criteria for participation, and contact information. It also has developed an interactive web based program that lists all current cancer clinical trials and allows patients to determine programs for which they might be eligible. Further, it allows patients to share this information with their physicians. Previous funding was provided for this project as follows: FY 2004—\$500,000, FY 2005—\$500,000, FY 2008—\$536,000, FY 2009—\$190,000.

FLORIDA HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

Account: Institute of Museum and Library Services

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Florida Holocaust Museum, 55 Fifth Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

Description of request: \$200,000 is included in the bill for the Florida Holocaust Museum to develop and maintain its collection of Holocaust related material and to make that information available to the public and to student organizations.

GULF COAST JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES COMMUNITY CARE FACILITY

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Care-Related Facilities and Activities

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, 14041 Icot Boulevard, Clearwater, FL 33760

Description of request: \$500,000 is included in the bill for Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services to consolidate its operations into one facility to increase the number of patients served, enhance patient privacy, provide a more seamless system of care, and reduce overhead costs. Gulf Coast serves more than 50,000 at-risk children, youth, adults, and elderly. \$190,000 was included for this project in FY 2009.

PINELLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH

Account: Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 33756

Description of request: \$300,000 is included in the bill for the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners to support the expansion of an integrated, coordinated mental health and substance abuse treatment program for chronic minor offenders. Working in partnership with local mental health and substance abuse agencies, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and other agency law enforcement officers, who have received specialized training to recognize and respond to situations involving an individual suffering from mental illness or chronic substance abuse, direct these individuals into the Community Care Chronic Minor Offender Program as an alternative to the County jail. The expansion of the program will further alleviate Pinellas County's cost of frequent detention of individuals for minor local offenses thus helping to close the revolving door. This program allows such offenders suffering from mental illness or chronic substance abuse to be voluntarily taken to a detoxification or mental health service facility for a thorough assessment in lieu of the County jail. If the individual is cognizant and willing to participate in the program, he/she is referred/transported for housing (family or transitional housing) and for outpatient substance abuse and/or mental health services. Participating agencies have unfunded forensic beds, 24/7 crisis care, medication and outpatient treatment services needed to address the needs of these offenders and reduce the escalating jail population. The program also supports the offenders in their ability to stay close to family and friends and other support networks. 300 individuals are anticipated to be served in FY 2010. The county will provide \$383,648 toward the cost of this project. These are the first federal funds requested.

ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE HEALTHCARE INFORMATICS WORKFORCE TRAINING

Account: Department of Education, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education

Legal name and address of requesting entity: St. Petersburg College, 6021 142nd Avenue North, Clearwater, FL 33760

Description of request: \$300,000 is included in the bill for St. Petersburg College to continue work to create a course of study in the area of health care informatics that will meet the needs of the health care industry as it transitions to a system of electronic medical records. The college will develop a new post-secondary health care informatics curriculum, curricular units for secondary students, faculty development, and the marketing materials to recruit high school students and college students into health care informatics careers. The new courses will be designed for on-line learning but they will also be able to be delivered in a blended instructor-led format. Current health care employees will be able to receive individualized or group instruction and with the training will be able to move from entry-level jobs to increasingly responsible positions. A web portal will also be developed to serve as a source of information about health informatics, the college's certificate and degree programs, and related career and training opportunities. Youth will also learn about health care informatics through a structured high school outreach program and through in-school job and career presentations by college faculty. In addition, an online competency-based Introduction to Health Care Informatics tutorial will also be available free of charge to anyone interested in learning about health care informatics. Finally, an annual Health Care Informatics Symposium will bring nationally known subject matter experts to the region and provide a health care informatics forum for communication industry representatives, secondary and postsecondary faculty, and students. \$95,000 was included for this project in FY 2009.

STETSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW ELDER JUSTICE PROGRAM

Account: Administration on Aging, Aging Services Programs

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Stetson University College of Law, 1401 61st Street South, Gulfport, FL 33707

Description of request: \$100,000 is included in the bill for the Stetson University College of Law to establish a pilot program to determine the most effective way to educate seniors about mortgage fraud and other financial scams. Through Stetson's Elder Justice Resource Center, this program will focus on ways to communicate with seniors about the inherent dangers from unsolicited offers for home refinancing, reverse mortgages, consumer goods, and financial opportunities. Communications strategies will include a telephone hotline, a web site, onsite visits to senior centers, retirement homes, libraries, clubs, and other places that seniors gather. \$95,000 was provided in FY 2009 for this project. Stetson will match the FY 2010 request with \$100,000.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. LoBIONDO. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference Rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmarks in H.R. 3288

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LoBIONDO (NJ-02)